

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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APRIL 2006 AS "EQUESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH"

This coming April commemorates our third annual "Equestrian Safety Month." The County in conjunction with the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council's Equestrian Committee, and the Chatsworth Equine Cultural Heritage Organization and Equestrian Trials Incorporated Corral 54 has successfully educated motorists over the past three years to prevent accidents where horses and automobiles co-exist. Most drivers have little knowledge of horse behavior, which can create a disaster if a vehicle steers too close and frightens the horse.

The California Vehicle Code states that horse drawn vehicles and riders of horses or other animals are entitled to share the road with moving vehicles. It is a traffic offense to scare horses or stampede livestock. A driver must also slow down or stop, if requested to do so by the rider or herder of livestock.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board proclaims the month of April 2006 as "Equestrian Safety Month" throughout the County of Los Angeles to encourage safety and to educate motorists and equestrians about the rules of the road to prevent accidents and injuries where cars and horses cross paths.

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